

City leaders hope stimulus money can buy 11 new buses

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SIOUX CITY, Iowa (KTIV) - Sioux City officials are hoping the federal and state economic stimulus money will get their motors running.

The city would like to use some of the funds to purchase nearly a dozen new buses. More than half their current fleet has surpassed the federal government's guidelines for the age of which buses should run.

While city leaders may authorize the purchase of the new buses, they won't necessarily bought until the stimulus money is in the city's hands. "So, our purchase order will say up to 11 buses, pending actual funding that we receive from the state and federal governments, so all we're trying to do is make sure we get our name on the list and get our buses out there as soon as we can," said Curt Miller, Purchasing Manager.

That list is already experiencing a backlog of nearly two years.

Miller says the new buses are more fuel efficient which will save the city money in the long run.



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